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1. USIA-controlled firms, Bahnbedarf A.G., Waagner-Biro A.G., and Wiener  
Brueckenbau-und Eisenkonstruktionen A.G., have received an order from  
SIDOROV, Director of USIA's Construction and Building Materials Adminis-  
tration, for the manufacture of 300 corrugated steel sheds.

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the sheds were ordered by Metal Import, Moscow, for Hungary and  
Czechoslovakia, which need them urgently for military purposes. Construction  
work is to begin at once, and Soviet military technicians will inspect the  
finished products before they are shipped. The sheds weigh about 45 tons  
apiece and will be shipped in 10 meter welded sections painted a dull red  
waterproof base coat. Since there are no windows or ventilators in the  
sheds, they will probably not be used for barracks or garages but for  
storing military supplies.

2. In order to complete this order, Bahnbedarf will have to hire additional  
workers and rent extra building facilities. SIDOROV has authorized Bahn-  
bedarf to purchase for this order 150 tons of iron at an estimated cost  
of 600,000 schillings, and he has instructed the Austrian manager of  
Bahnbedarf to obtain a loan from Austrian financiers to pay for this pur-  
chase.

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